

Robinson, Scott, Williams, Williamson and Wood—17. So the motion was lost.

Senator Wallace, moved to insert "Robertson County" in the 1st section of the bill. The yeas and nays were called for, and stood thus:

Yeas. Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Robinson, Scott, and Wallace—5.

Nays. Senators, Brashear, Burleson, Cuney, Grimes, Hogg, Jewett, Kinney, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Navarro, Parker, Phillips, Williams, Williamson and Wood—16. Motion lost.

Senator Williams, offered the following amendment—"And after the first Congressional election, all the territory contemplated to be organized in the county of Leon, to its south west corner, thence north along the ridge dividing the waters of the Trinity, from the Brasos River, to Red River." Lost.

Senator Wallace, offered the following amendment to the 2d section of the bill—"And also that portion of Texas, which includes the counties lying wholly or partially on the east side of Trinity River." Lost. Bill ordered to be engrossed.

Senator Wallace, Chairman of select committee, appointed to have the "Rules" printed, reported that the committee had made no contract, and asked to be discharged from further duty. Adopted.

On motion of Senator Scott, the "Rules" as reported by the committee, were read by sections, and amended.

On motion of Senator Parker, the "Rules" were adopted.

On motion, the "Joint Rules" were read and adopted.

On motion of Senator Hogg, the "Rules of the Senate" and the "Joint Rules," were ordered to be printed in the same pamphlet.

Senator Kinney moved the printing of two hundred copies. Lost.

On motion of Senator McNeel, one hundred copies were ordered to be printed.

On motion of Senator Kinney, the Senate adjourned until to morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TUESDAY, February 24, 1846. }
9 o'clock, A. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. President *pro tem.*, in the Chair—roll called, and a quorum present.

Journals of the preceding day read and adopted.

Senator Hogg, Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill, to be entitled, an act to postpone the holding of the District Courts in the several Judicial Districts, reported the same back to the Senate, and recommended its passage: and also recommended a speedy re-organization of the Judicial Districts, so as to ensure District Courts to be holden in the several counties in the State, that the rights of the citizens may be adjudicated as early as possible, under existing circumstances.

Senator Phillips, Chairman of Select Committee, made the following report:

The committee on the part of the Senate, to act in conjunction with a like committee on the part of the House, to inquire into the expediency of re-considering the action of the two Houses, in relation to the election of Lieutenant Governor, respectfully report: that the committee of the Senate, as well as that of the House, are unanimously of the opinion, that inasmuch as all the returns from the different counties have not been received, present action on the subject would be unsatisfactory to the several candidates as well as the people. They are of opinion that immediate steps should be taken, to send all the returns from the several counties, and that when they shall have been received, the subject ought to be investigated. Entertaining these views, your committee ask for further time and when the returns come in, they will recommend such action as they deem proper and expedient in the premises.

A. H. PHILLIPS,
Chairman.

On motion of Senator Williamson, the report was laid on the table, to come up with the orders of the day.

Senator Grimes, presented the petition of the Hon. John Hemphill, R. E. B. Baylor, and others, praying compensation for services as Judges of the District and Supreme Courts, previous to the year 1842, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

On motion of Senator Scott, the Senate proceeded to the

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Joint Resolution authorizing our Senators, and requesting our Representatives, to use their exertions to have an extension of the Great South Western Rail Road through the State of

Texas, in the direction of Chihuahua. Read 2d time, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill, to be entitled, an act to create the county of Polk. Read 2d time, and referred to the Committee on County Boundaries.

A bill, to be entitled, an act to create the county of White. Read 2d time, and referred to the Committee on County Boundaries.

A bill, to be entitled, an act to create the county of Hopkins. Read 2d time, and referred to the Committee on County Boundaries.

A bill, to be entitled, an act for the relief of persons having goods in Public Stores, introduced under the Revenue laws of the Republic of Texas. Read 2d time, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Printing to contract for copies of the "Democrat," and "New Era," on motion of Senator Williamson, laid on the table.

On motion of Senator Williamson, the Senate took recess for ten minutes.

The recess having expired, the Senate was called to order roll called, and a quorum present.

A committee from the House, through Hon. Mr. Perkins, Chairman, inviting the Senate into the Representative Hall, to proceed to the election of State Treasurer, and Comptroller.

On motion of Senator Jewett, the invitation was accepted, and the Senate repaired to the Representative Hall—roll called, and a quorum present.

Senator Williamson nominated Mr. James H. Raymond for Treasurer, Senator Robinson nominated Mr. Moses Johnson for Treasurer.

There being no other nomination by either House, the Senate proceeded to ballot:

Whereupon, Mr. Raymond received eleven votes, Mr. Johnson received nine votes, scattering one vote.

The vote of the House, was, for Mr. Raymond forty-two votes, for Mr. Johnson twenty votes, scattering two votes.

Whereupon, the Speaker announced that Jas. H. Raymond, having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected Treasurer of the State of Texas.

The two Houses then proceeded to the election of Comptroller.

Senator Scott, nominated Mr. James B. Shaw.

There being no other candidate nominated, by either House, the Senate proceeded to ballot.

Jas. B. Shaw received twenty-one votes.

On the part of the House, Mr. Shaw received sixty votes.

Scattering two votes.

Whereupon the Speaker announced Jas. B. Shaw duly elected Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

The Senate retired to their chamber, and on motion of Senator Phillips, adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m.

3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Senate met, roll called, and a quorum present.

Senator Scott, Chairman of the committee on Engrossed and Enrolled bills, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
February 23, 1846. }

To the Honorable the President pro tem. of the Senate:

The committee on Engrossed and Enrolled bills, have examined a bill, to be entitled, an act to provide for the election of Representatives to the Congress of the United States, and find the same correctly engrossed.

WM. T. SCOTT,
Chairman.

On motion of Senator Jewett, the rule of the Senate was suspended, and the bill taken up.

Senator Scott, moved to suspend the rule, so as to allow him to offer an amendment. Carried.

Senator Scott, offered the following amendment—strike out "Eastern and Western" and insert "First and Second." Carried.

The yeas and nays were called, on the final passage of the bill, and stood thus:

Yeas. Senators Brashear, Burleson, Grimes, Hogg, Jewett, Kinney, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Navarro, Phillips Williamson and Wood—13.

Nays. Senators Bagby, Bourland, Parker, Robinson, Scott, Wallace and Williams—7. So the bill passed.

Senator McNeel offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in accordance with the 8th section, article 3d, of the Constitution, the Senate of this State shall be divided in-

to two classes, the first of which shall contain eleven Senators, and the second ten.

Resolved further, That on the 2d day of March, 1846, the Senate will proceed to draw lots for said classes, and the manner of drawing shall be as follows—the Secretary of the Senate, shall prepare eleven slips of paper, on which the words “First Class” shall be written, and ten slips, on which the words “Second Class” shall be written, all of which slips of paper shall be placed in a hat, and each member of the Senate shall draw from the same, in alphabetical order.

On motion of Senator Williamson, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock. A. M.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
WEDNESDAY February 25, 1846. }
10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment—roll called, and there not being a quorum present, the Sergeant at Arms was despatched after absent members. Returned, and a quorum present.

Senator Grimes presented the petition of John Tom, praying an augmentation of land, and the petition of Wm. S. Taylor, and C. B. Stewart, praying the Legislature to pass a law, authorizing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue to the said Stewart, a triplicate certificate for two thirds of a league and labor of land, as assignee of Wm. S. Taylor, the duplicate certificate for said land being lost, and no remedy by law, by which he can obtain said triplicate. On motion, referred to the committee on public lands.

Senator Jewett, presented the petition of Lavinia Mansell, a free woman of color, praying the passage of a law granting to herself and children the privilege of permanently residing in Texas: read and referred to a select committee, composed of Senators Jewett, Parker, and Grimes.

A message was received from the House, through Mr. Ben. F. Hill, transmitting the message of His Excellency the Governor, and accompanying documents, and informing the Senate of the election of Ben. F. Hill as Chief Clerk, in the place of